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## **Mayor and City Council**

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
California State Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
State Capitol Building, Room 408  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: OPPOSE SENATE BILL 946 – SIDEWALK VENDORS**

Dear Chairman McGuire:

The City Council of the City of El Cajon opposes SB 946, which would eliminate the City's authority in the regulation and restriction of sidewalk vending.

Specifically, SB 946 would prohibit the City from exercising its authority in issuing sidewalk vendor licenses, which enables the City to oversee all business activity occurring within the City. SB 946 threatens the economic success of local businesses by enabling individuals to operate businesses without appropriate licenses.

The City believes local businesses have a fundamental right to operate in a fair and robust economic environment, which the City is able to provide by the issuing of business licenses. The unregulated system proposed by SB 946 would undermine the fair market environment that is currently in place.

Further, SB 946 also has serious health implications for the community. Restricting the City from regulating and monitoring sidewalk vendors may have serious health consequences for the public.

Therefore, it is the position of the City of El Cajon to oppose SB 946 to protect the equal treatment of all businesses and the safety of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Bill Wells".

Bill Wells  
Mayor

Cc:     Joel Anderson, California State Senate  
         Randy Voepel, California State Assembly  
         League of California Cities